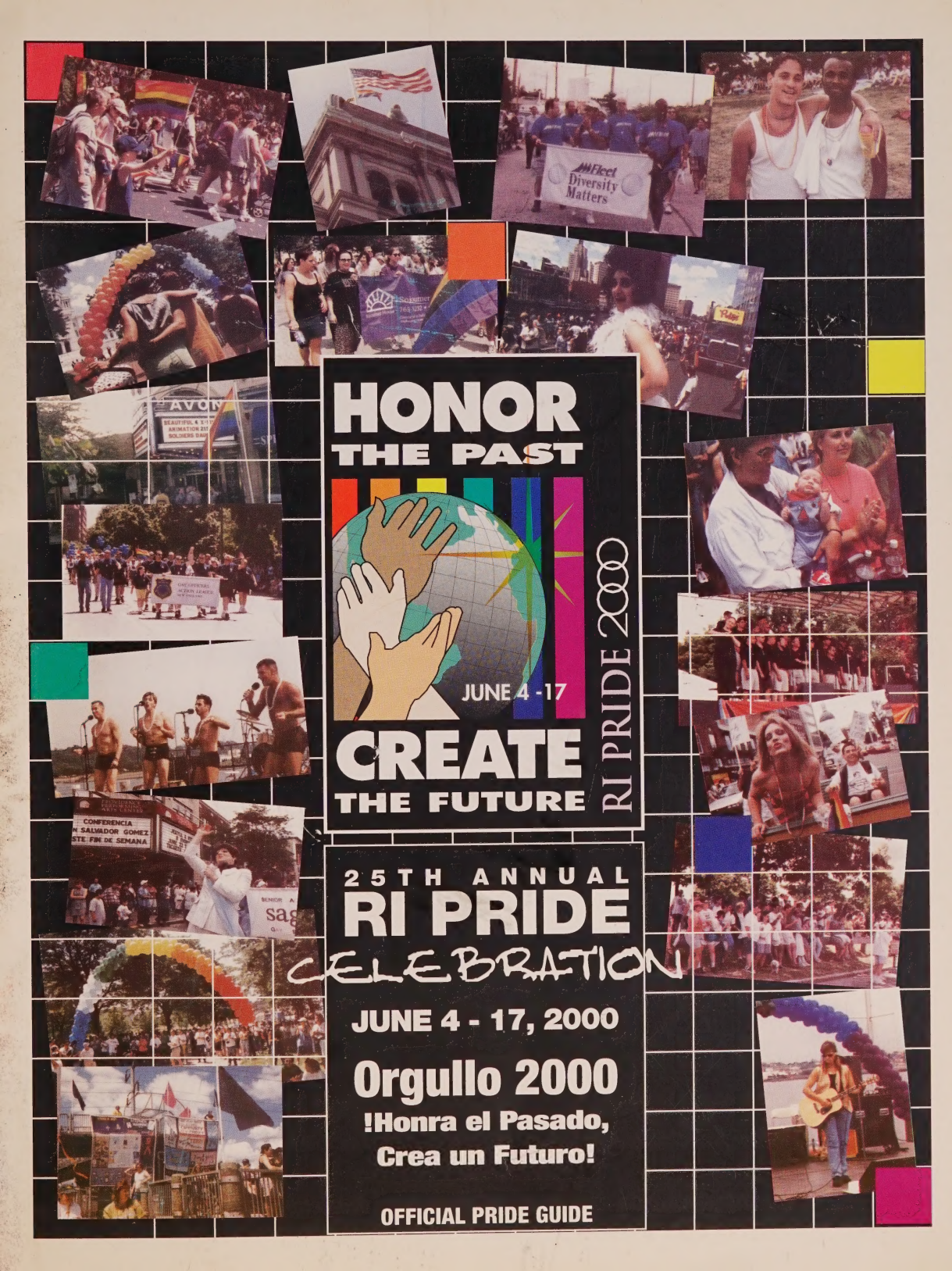




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Welcome to Rhode Island Pride 2000

Welcome to the 25th Annual Rhode Island Pride Celebration! This year's events captures the spirit of twenty-five years of Pride past while looking forward to the infinite possibilities of the future.

The theme of this year's month-long Pride celebration, **Honor the Past - Create the Future**, is especially appropriate for the first Pride of the new millennium - a time of reflection and celebration. This is your Pride!

Events that could not be imagined 25 years ago are commonplace today, we live in a state that has championed civil rights for gay, lesbian and bisexual citizens and celebrates five years of making it the law! We are fortunate to have one of the toughest hate crimes law in the nation and we have seen the repeal of the archaic "sodomy" law. We have likewise been benefited by the creation of such laws which protect our rights to visit our loved ones in the hospital and the right to care for final arrangements if we were to lose such ones. In Providence, we have seen the first ever rainbow flag raising at a municipal building thanks to Mayor Vincent A. Cianci and his Gay and Lesbian Liaison, Fitzgerald Himmelsbach. To our neighbors up north in the State of Vermont we witnessed history as same-sex unions were created to apply most of the benefits and responsibilities of marriage. Amazingly all of this has happened within the past five years.

But all is not "peaches and cream" - problems still exist that must be addressed: protection for our transgender brother and sisters, hate crimes and violence are still an every day problem both nationwide and locally. All these issues in the fabric of our lives will be faced and we as a community have the opportunity in taking the lead in addressing them. That is what Pride is all about, affirming our place in today's world by reflecting the triumphs of the past, thus honoring them and keeping focus on tomorrow so as to create the future! It goes well beyond the political and becomes personal - for each of us can create change. The Rhode Island Pride Committee invites you to share in the celebrations as we Honor the Past and Create the Future. Join us for Pride 2000 and be a part of tomorrow's history and today's future!

We have many new and exciting events planned for the upcoming Pride season. This year's Pride events reach out to the GLBT community and its supporters including children and families.

- Pride Parade & Rally
- Spectrum of Pride
- Juried GLBT Art Show
- Theatre Festival
- History of Pride
- Workshops & Seminars
- The *Festival of Pride on the Waterfront* which will feature:
 - GLBT Marketplace
 - Taste of Rhode Island Food Court
 - Themed Pavilions
 - Children's Pride Zone with The Roger Williams Park Zoo Mobile
 - National & local musical acts

We hope you have a full share in the Pride events this year. There is a little something for everybody and we look forward to seeing all of you at the 25th Annual Pride Parade and Rally and the Festival of Pride on the Waterfront. You are the success and purpose of this event, so be a part and bring a friend!

Yours in Pride,

*The Rhode Island Pride Committee
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THE VICE PRESIDENT
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March 14, 2000

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to send my greetings to everyone observing the 2000 Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration. While I regret that I am unable to join you, I want to offer my very best wishes for a memorable event.

At the beginning of this new millennium, I hope that all Americans will join in recognizing that the diversity of our people is the source of our strength. Our nation's success depends on our ability to value the positive contributions that every member of our society can make, regardless of any differences in race, religion, ethnic origin, economic background, or sexual orientation. You can be sure that I will continue to support the right of every American to succeed without the burden of prejudice, discrimination, or persecution not only in government but in all walks of life.

Tipper joins me in thanking you for your commitment to our nation and its fundamental values of inclusion, opportunity, and respect for every individual. Please accept our warmest regards.

Sincerely,

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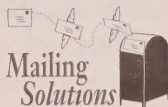
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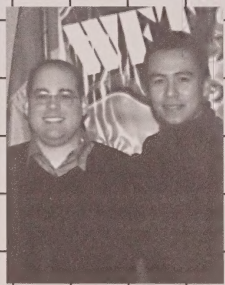
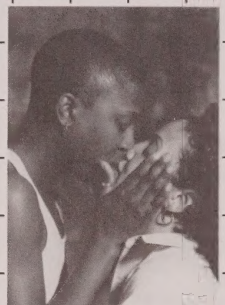
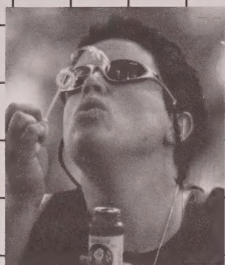
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¡Bienvenidos a Orgullo 2000! Esta año estamos celebrando el vigesimoquinto aniversario de la comunidad lesbiana, gay, bisexual y transexual. Las celebraciones de este año tendrán como tema principal, *Honrar el Pasado, Crea un Futuro*. La idea es capturar el espíritu detrás 25 años de orgullo y mirar las infinitas posibilidades que nos brinda el futuro.

Las festividades comenzarán el día 4 de Junio con la izada de la bandera del arco iris en Providence City Hall a las 2:00 de la tarde. Las actividades se extenderán durante tres semanas y continuarán hasta el 17 de Junio con un desfile, rally y festival. Dentro de las actividades que se llevarán a cabo se encuentran el Festival de Teatro y de cine GLBT y una noche de historia acerca de la comunidad. Además habrá un evento literario, talleres de trabajo y una exhibición de arte. Concluiremos con el Festival de Orgullo. El festival tendrá lugar en el parque "India Pt. Park" y contará con actividades al aire libre como entretenimiento en vivo, degustación de diferentes platos étnicos, actividades de recreación para los niños, información acerca de las diferentes organizaciones y negocios para la comunidad.

Esperamos contar con tu presencia y participación en todas y cada una de las actividades para ser de esta celebración un evento memorable para todos. ¡Manifieste su orgullo! Honra el pasado y crea un futuro.

Grand Marshall & Honorary Co-Chairs



MAYOR VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
City of Providence
Grand Marshall



Long-time supporter of the LGBT community, Mayor Cianci has been an advocate for civil rights for all residents. He is the first mayor to appoint an openly gay liaison to his staff and the first to raise the rainbow flag over City Hall in celebration of Pride Week.

BELLE PELLIGRINO

In short, Belle has been a "Jill-of-all-trades." A special individual who has set her mark around the country and can truly say "Been there. Done that.", without much fear of contradiction.

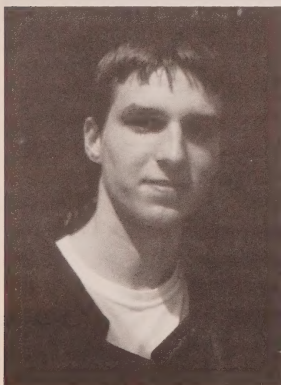
Most importantly she was an integral part in setting forth the motion in organizing the first Gay Pride Parade in RI. Her initials attempts to hold the first Gay Pride Parade in Providence where denied. With the assistance of Mr. Steven Fortunato of the ACLU, they filed a Class Action Suit in Federal Court and won.

Her years of dedication and involvement in the community are extensive. She has served as a member of the Marine Corps, served as a Pastor, worked as an Electronics Technician, member of one of the first group of civilian dispatchers for the Warwick Fire Department in 1970. A member of MCC, Vietnam Veterans group, as well as serving as a CO-Chair of a committee which led a national campaign to get the Presidential Medal of Freedom awarded to Hollywood actress/comedianne Martha Raye. In addition she has worked as an Attendant/Counselor at a Substance Abuse Crisis Center, an Emergency Medical Technician with a volunteer Fire Department and a Fire Police Officer. As you can see Belle's accomplishments are extensive and has touched the lives of many. She currently resides in Cumberland with friends and her cat.



JASON MCMAHON

Jason McMahon is presently serving on Youth Pride, Inc.'s Board of Directors where he held a youth intern position for four years. In that time, he contributed in different capacities including peer education in the Homophobia Reduction and HIV Prevention education programs. He is a member of the RI Task Force on GLBT youth and a trainer for the RI Safe Schools Institute. Last year, he completed the Boston-New York AIDS Ride 5. He now commits his time as a Sign Language interpreter. Jason's courage and determination was epitomized when he shared his personal story of pain and triumph last year at the Hate Crimes Rally. Jason sets an example for both youths and adults to keep striving ahead despite the odds in creating our future.



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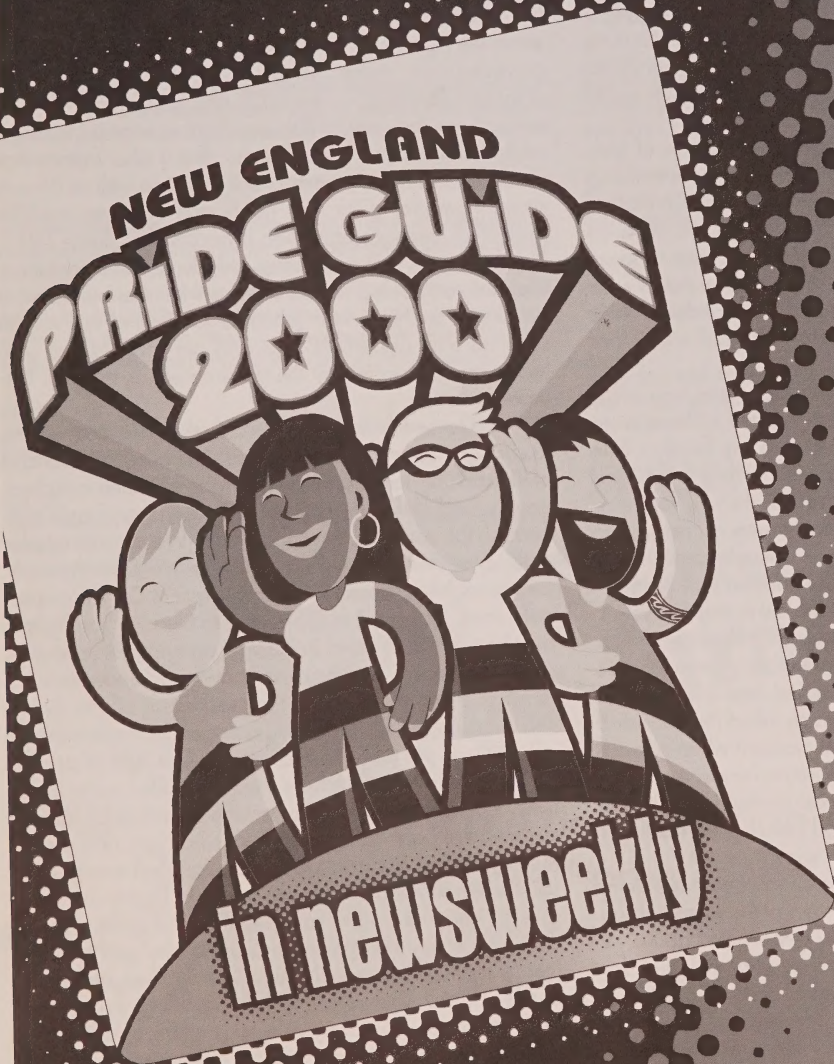
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THE LAST 25 YEARS

by Kate Monteiro

Twenty five years ago, I could not imagine that I would live past 20. I had no illness, nor was I suicidal. There was no rational reason; I just couldn't imagine in my heart or mind an existence past that line. Looking back on it now, I think I know why. Twenty-five years ago, I had no way to imagine what a grown-up queer life might be like.

In 1975 I was beginning to hear stories of girls and women who were doing things — who were building lives outside of a sexist norm. Certainly my own mother showed me that you could be female and still have an independent place in the world. But every one of those stories quickly talked about how “the boys they dated were supportive” or how “their husbands still preferred their dresses”. Even at that age I knew that I did not fit that mold.

I listened carefully for hints that there was some path for me. I knew gay people existed. There were always gay men and lesbians around my family's little world. From this distance I recognize that they were leading full lives, but to me, then, there was no way to see or understand their story. There was no way in, no way to imagine myself living that story. So I could pretty much name myself. But beyond that, the horizon was blank.

So much has happened in the last twenty five years. Like a video on fast forward, images slide by. I remember Harvey Milk's assassination. I remember Aaron Fricke's trip to the prom. I remember the first time I heard Dan Rather talking about a disease which killed Haitians and gay men. I think, though, the first moment when a brush stroke appeared on the vision of a future for me was when Billy Jean King came out in that press conference. Then of course I turned twenty and realized that I better make that life for myself, whether I could imagine it or not.

Twenty five years ago, the political gay movement, which was just learning to be able to say the word lesbian wanted most of all to be left alone. We wanted above all to be free from official interference and harassment, for the bar raids to stop and the purges to end. We still want that. There are still states where homosexual sex of any sort is a crime. The US military not only criminalizes homosexual sex, it purges anyone, even celibate people, who have the temerity to acknowledge that they are gay or lesbian. In forty states, you can lose your job just because someone thinks you might be “one of those”. The fight to just be continues.

But like each of us who had to imagine the future we live, so too the lesbian and gay movement had to imag-

ine a fuller future. Fueled by the AIDS crisis, we came to understand that not only should we be free of official harassment, we are full members of this society and deserve the rights and privileges of it. That means, that the government take diseases which affect us disproportionately — like AIDS and breast cancer — as seriously as they would if those diseases seemed to target white heterosexual Republicans. But it also means that we demand the government treat us just as well as it treats straight people. Our civil rights and our lives must be protected, through legislation if necessary. Since 1995, Rhode Island's civil rights laws include sexual orientation. Our hate crimes legislation does as well. But our vision is no longer confined to a job or a loan. We will not be satisfied until our whole lives and our families are protected and supported by the government as those of heterosexuals.

Governments aren't the only thing we are fighting to change. Twenty five years ago, a courageous handful of Rhode Islanders fought for the right, and then marched, openly and defiantly as proud lesbians and gay men through the streets of our capital city. We have fought for visibility and understanding throughout — from the earliest homophile protests to the most recent Dr. Laura protests, from Stonewall to Gay Days at Disney. The fight to be who we are, to stand in the light among everyone else, our lives and our life stories as known and understood as those of straight people, is the greatest of all our fights. The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender movement will not rest until we can live everyday in that light of pride.

I have a wonderful gift now — a life I never imagined. I have a loving partner, who happens to be female, a job where I can be honest about who I am, and a community where I find friendship, support and energy. But still there's so much more we are only beginning to be able to imagine — the real possibility to choose or not choose a civilly recognized marriage, the end to legalized discrimination, real inclusion of our lives in the laws of this society. There's so much future left to write, safety and respect for our transgendered brothers and sisters, in our own community as well as the larger society, the real opening of all our institutions — not just the Boy Scouts or the Presbyterian Church, the true understanding and inclusion of our humanity in all the arts and stories of our world. We've got the one tool we really need, and it was within us all along. Pride in ourselves and those we love will light our way into a future bounded only by what we have the courage to dream.

RI PRIDE 2000 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 4th

Rainbow Flag Raising - Providence City Hall - 2pm, reception to follow.

Borders Bookstore Gay Pride Literary Event - Featuring "Now That You're Out of The Closet What About The Rest of the House?"

A straight forward guide to gay and lesbian living by Linda Handel, CCHMC. This book offers understanding, help and direction to those discovering that coming out is only a first step toward a rewarding and fulfilling life. 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Providence Place Mall.

June 8th- 17th

GLBT Theatre Festival - Groundbreaking new plays and classic comedy favorites featuring *The Magical Tuti*, *Dunn Inn* and *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom*. For tickets and information please call Anne Mulhall at 401-421-9680. All performances are at Newgate Theatre, 134 Mathewson Street, Providence, RI.

June 8th

GLBT Film Presentation - "GET REAL" - Providence Public Library 7pm, Corner of Washington and Empire Streets. *Get Real* is a new British film that portrays what many of us in the GLBT community have experienced: Falling in love with someone who won't publicly acknowledge you, for fear of the consequences. It follows the fate and fortunes of a group of teenagers as they pick their way through the minefield of adolescence. A film "for grown-ups who wish there'd been gay teen flicks when they were kids." Winner - Audience Award, 1998 Edinburgh Film Festival; Official Selection, 1998 Toronto Film Festival; Official Selection, 1999 Sundance Film Festival

June 9th

Youth Pride Talent Show - 7pm Fox Pt. Vartan Gregorian Elementary School, Wickenden St., Providence for more information call 401/ 421-5626.

June 11th

Youth Pride Yard Sale - 9am - 3pm, 134 George M. Cohen Blvd., Providence for more information call 401/421-5626.

June 11th

Tallulah Dahling! - An evening with the legendary Tallulah Bankhead. A comedic one-person show that will have you laughing from the inside out. Presented by Gallery Theatre Company, The Firehouse - 4 Equality Park Place, Newport. 7pm. A fabulous reception will accompany the Show at this intimate theatre to benefit RI Pride 2000. Tickets are \$35.00 and seats are limited! Call for 401/849-3473 for more information and reservations.

June 13th

History of Pride Night - An evening of remembering, honoring and sharing the stories and memories of the past 25 years. 7pm - 8:30 pm, Providence Public Library - Corner of Washington and Empire.

June 14th

Pride 25: Taking Responsibility for Creating Our Future - Angell St. Wellness Collaborative - 469 Angell St., Providence. Workshop presented by Thomas Franczak LICSW and Maryellen Butke LICSW - 7:30pm.

What the Heck is a Civil Union Anyway? - A evening of information straight from GLAD with Jennifer Levi, attorney for Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders at Beneficent Congregational Church, 300 Weybosset Street, Providence, 7:30 pm

June 15th

Pride Art 2000 - Center City Artisans, Arcade-Providence, 5pm. Exhibition of the finest local GLBT artisans in Rhode Island held in conjunction with Gallery Night.

June 17th

Happy 25th Pride RI! Rally, Parade and Festival of Pride on the Waterfront. State House 11am - 5:30pm continuing to India Pt. Park, Providence. A day filled with fun, food, entertainment and lots of Pride!

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Pride Art 2000

Well, the Jury is in and the verdict is — Pride Art 2000 is quite the smash hit. We had a wonderful response to this, the first Pride Art Show to be professionally juried. A juried art exhibit is the standard procedure for most art exhibits in galleries the world over. This process creates an exhibit having a certain quality, as seen through the eyes of the jury and where the work chosen will look good together. The jury for this exhibit was given only one directive, "Be Inclusive." A jury of 3 met to view all submissions and choose the work that will make up the body of the show. Artists all over Rhode Island, and Southeastern Mass., were asked to submit work to the show. Slides, photos or actual works were brought to the gallery for review. CenterCity Contemporary Artisans (CCA), located in The Arcade, DOWNCITY, is the gallery which was kind enough to let us use their space to hold the show. This gallery is a nonprofit space, devoted to providing artists with a venue to show and sell their work. CCA provides educational experiences for the public as well, including an Artist in Residence Program and the Raku Rhody-O, which happens in October. I wish to thank the Paula Martiesian, Diana — and any others on the board which helped out in this endeavor, as I feel it will be a fine partnership, now and in the future.

Some of the artists which make up the show include, David Delay, Greg Mallane, Sabrina Arruda, John Fazzino, Rachel Sweet, Philippe Berthiaume, and Ron Skinner.

Artists who won prizes include: Richard Bradley, winning Best Pride Art, Susan Young, winning an award for The Most Lesbian for "Broken Heart", Michael Roseberry and Bruce Winn of Roseberry and Winn Pottery and Tile, winning Best 3D,

Morgan Monceaux, winning Best 2D for "Big Papa", Michael Guy takes it home for The Gayest Art for "Eve Arrives on the 1:45 Flight", and Leslie Bostrom, for Best in Show for "Don't Ask Don't Tell".



DON' T ASK DON'T TELL

Leslie Bostrom

There will be a Grand Opening for this Exhibit on June 15, Gallery Night 5-9PM. CenterCity Contemporary Arts is on Weybossett St. in downtown Providence. The number there for information is 521-2990 or call Pride at 467-2130. Come join the fun, bring friends or make some new ones and see great art too. The show runs until

July 15, 2000, so if you don't get to see it on Opening Night, come on downtown at another time to view, Pride Art 2000.



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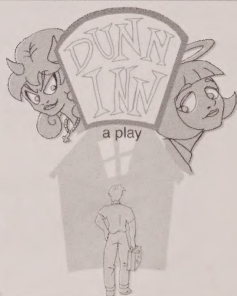


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Festival of Pride ON THE WATERFRONT

The intimate setting of India Point Park is once again the site for the Festival of Pride on the Waterfront. All the festivities begin immediately following the Parade on June 17th. This year, the Festival offers fun in the sun for the ENTIRE family! Remember to bring blankets and sunscreen, but don't leave home without your PRIDE!

The Festival highlights include the popular GLBT Marketplace featuring locally owned businesses offering items for purchase such as fine art, crafts and Pride merchandise. At the Marketplace you can learn more about the community, its services and opportunities — such as volunteering for non-profit organizations or attending religious or recreational functions.

At the Taste of Rhode Island, you can purchase an extensive selection of food and beverages representing the best local Ethnic, American and Vegetarian fare.

Don't miss the Spectrum of Pride Gallery - just look for the "rainbow!" The Spectrum of Pride was a special outreach program of RI Pride 2000 as a way to unite the community. On specially designed rainbow-colored canvas, participants have shared positive hopes for the future, expressed powerful action statements to our political leaders, and sent

loving messages to partners and family members. Take a look and see if you recognize any of the names!

New this year is The Children's Pride Zone. Don't let the kids — all ages of course — miss the Roger Williams Park Zoo Mobile featuring small animals, creatures and creepy-crawly things! And don't forget the face painting and balloon-making in addition to the board games. India Point Park even has a special Play Area complete with a swing set and jungle gym! A special feature of The Children's Zone is the "Pride in our Families" mural project. You and your family and friends can paint on RI Pride 2000 mural about what Pride means to you. So grab a brush — or use your fingers — and help us celebrate "Pride in Our Families!"

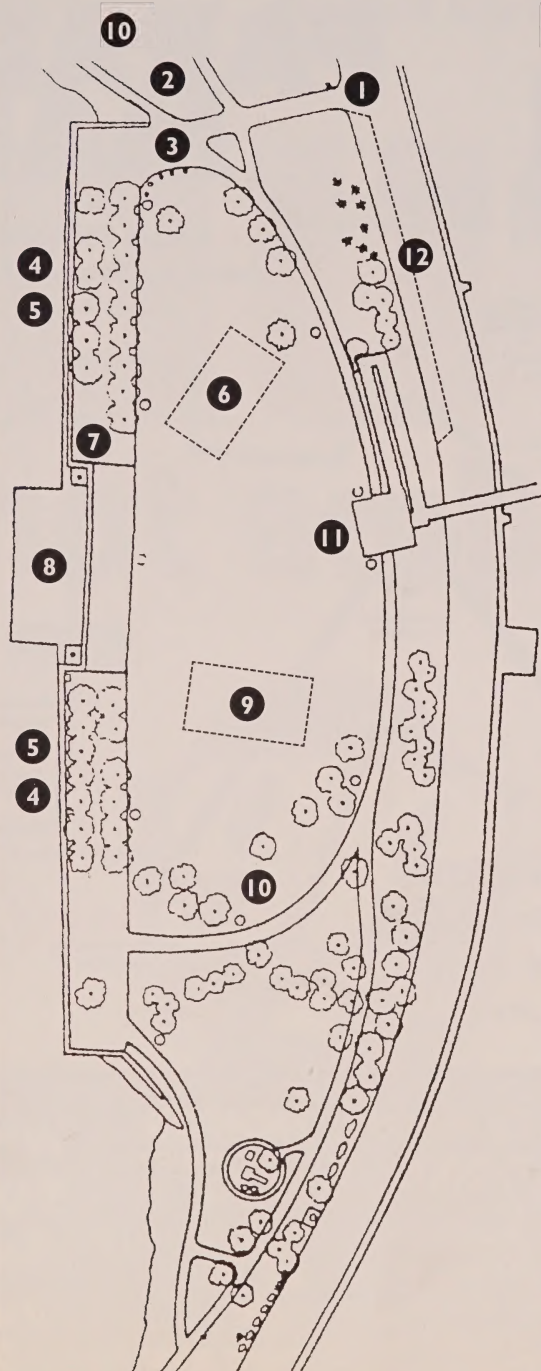
After all the shopping, eating, playing and drinking, check-out the Entertainment! We have everything to meet your needs in music and entertainment. The day's festivities include our special host the lickable and luscious, Kandi Kane, alternative live bands, acappella groups, folk, Latin, jazz and female impersonators. There's even special appearances by the Providence Gay Men's Chorus and Dance Planet, plus a few surprises!

Best of all of these events are free and open to everyone. Come shop, listen, relax, eat and enjoy with friends, partners, families and new friends the entire day. Don't leave early! You won't want to miss what we have planned for you! See you out there.



FESTIVAL OF PRIDE on the waterfront

INDIA POINT PARK, PROVIDENCE, RI



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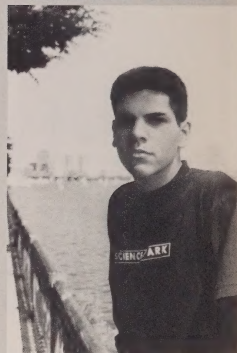
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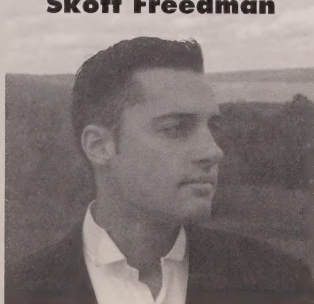
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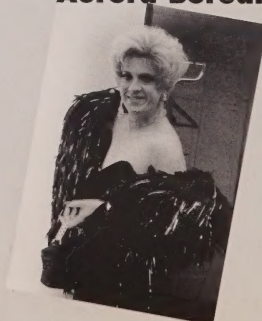
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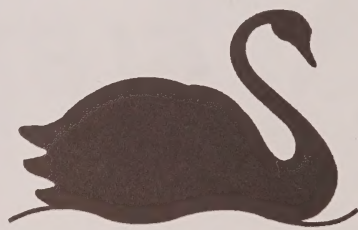
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When we talk about Gay Pride we generally are referring to the political, social and economic arenas that have been the focus of attention for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons. We think about struggles and accomplishments, rights and continuing discrimination, emerging power and the frustration of doors still blocked, acceptance and ongoing bigotry experienced over the past thirty years. The parades, festivals, plays, concerts, and art displays associated with Gay Pride are opportunities to look back at what has been accomplished as they are also calls to continue the struggle.

But, Gay Pride is, at its core, an engagement with the spiritual. For something to be an engagement with the spiritual means that it connects the individual with that which is deep and of ultimate significance in our personal existence. Gay Pride, as experienced through Gay Pride events, does that. Gay Pride events allow men and women to pause and consider who they are as persons – their *beingness*, if you will – unique and inherently worthy children of the universe.

Christina Baldwin writes in Life's Companion, Journal Writing as a Spiritual Quest, that

"Spirituality is the sacred center out of which all life comes, including Mondays and Tuesdays and raining Saturday afternoons in all their mundane and glorious detail. . . The spiritual journey is the soul's life commingling with ordinary life."

In our political work for rights and recognition and acceptance, in our loving and living with partners, in our coming out and living out, we gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people are commingling our beingness with the ordinary. And that commingling, based in our pride in ourselves as the man or woman we are, is the spiritual element of Gay Pride.

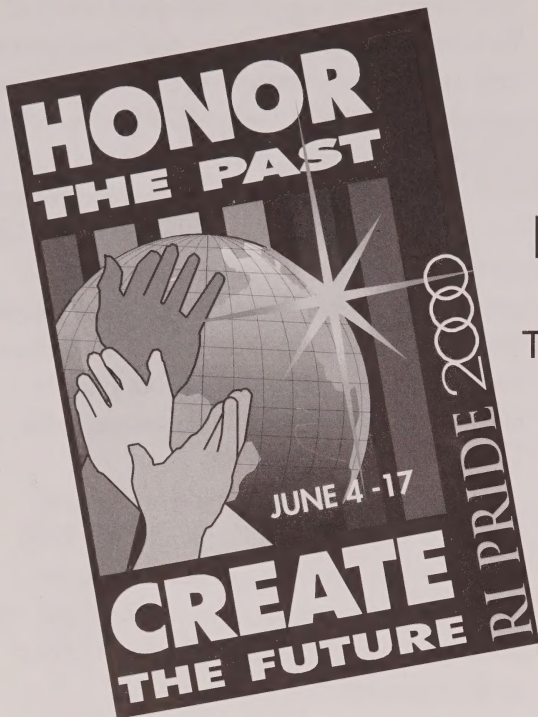
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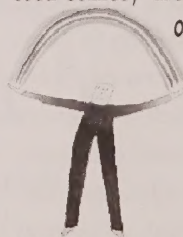
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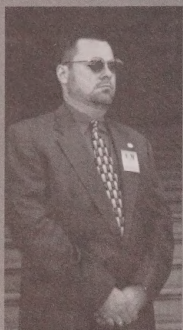
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Mayor Cianci will serve as Grand Marshall at the festival, scheduled to begin on Saturday, June 17 at 1:00 PM at India Point Park



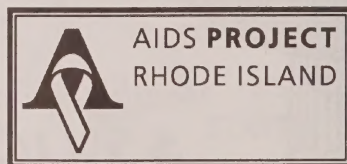
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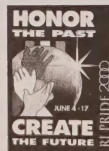
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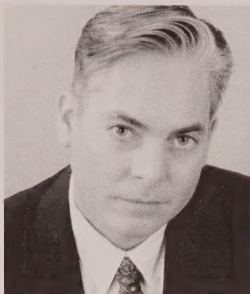
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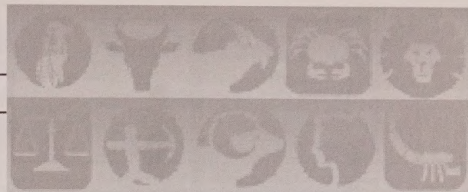
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Taurus: Taurus searches for a way to blend in this month. Search out those feelings of someone close. By the 13th you will be in control, but beware of your bullish persistence and know when to step back. A Pisces enters the picture helping to maintain some peace and serenity by late month. Finally that party will be yours by month's end and you will have again regained full control.

Gemini: June begins with romance blossoming and others are taking note so be aware of others around you. Friends and alliances will give you a challenge greater than that of any Millionaire quiz show by mid month. Triumph is yours late in June, so feel free to sit back and let someone else do the work for you.

Cancer: Time to face facts and accept the inevitable the first week of June. Look to spending weekends with friends as critics come looking for answers. Talented people will surround you on the 17th, bringing mixed blessings. A good time to start a new project arrives the third week and flourishes by late June.

Leo: You've got the whole world in your hands this Pride month. Let others enjoy your energy and also be prepared for the unexpected. Restrictions in the middle of the month may bind you but hold firm your time will emerge by month's end. Luck is yours by the 24th and this is a good time for something risky. Enjoy this month is all about you.

Virgo: Full steam ahead, the first two weeks of June are full of productivity and confidence. Take a break, relax and enjoy the view (no not the ABC daytime show) the one in your back yard! You will find new allies to your causes by the third week, but take heed you make not accomplish everything on your list by the end of the month.

Libra: Can we talk? That's all you will be doing this month; however, your wisdom will keep you in line. The party begins into the second week and continues throughout the month. Beware of too much of a good thing, by the 18th you start to get hostile. Late June is a hectic week, remain focused and energized and you will accomplish the impossible.

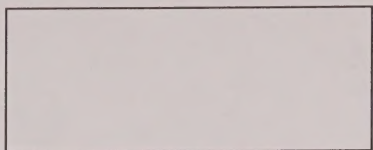
Scorpio: Watch out, June begins with more trouble than the government has to handle. Surround yourself with close friends who love you the first week as you slowly emerge from your cocoon. The middle of June shows profitability and a pool of knowledge but the drought will end this by the 19th. Test yourself in late June and the results will shine forth next month.

Sagittarius: June is a hot bed of laughter, but polish that routine the first week. Put your talents to work after the 7th....you will have friends, enemies and strangers immersed in your abilities throughout the month. Your wisdom leads to a climax of sorts in the third week taking a coffee break before returning you to your spotlight by the 28th.

Capricorn: You enter June with your dignity, but that's all girlfriend. It may be the summer but you are skating on some thin ice. Collect your thoughts and projects, by the 9th, then you will enjoy these hot days and cool nights. Old habits creep up again but don't let a nun stop what you do best! June 17th you are in full gear, perfection and attitude are blending well. The end of the month tests your abilities yet again, hopefully all will be standing and you leave June with your head held high.

Aquarius: Your popularity is overflowing and this does not bode well for you. Stop and look at who is surrounding you, and who has left your party. Regain momentum and then enjoy. The middle of June will show your strength the remain in control but not be controlling. Live by your own rules and watch how people take notice. June is your month and you will find success and applause at every corner.

Pisces: You may begin to blossom but you are not seeing the light. You may need to convince others of your brilliance the first week of June, but the second week finds success for your efforts. Morals are needed in the middle of the month in order to keep your enemies at a distance. Then like the dawning sun of a new day you emerge by late June to a beauty unmatched by any blossom.



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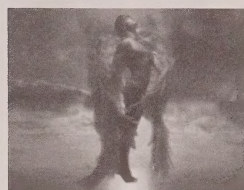
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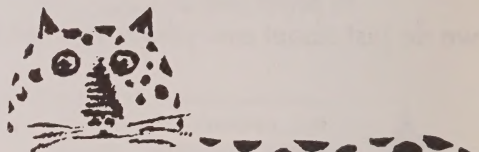
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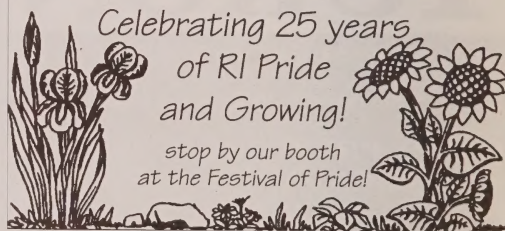
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